

MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, in 2003, it has been determined that men are living longer today than ever before; and

WHEREAS, a man's life expectancy has increased from 48 years in 1900 to nearly 74 years in 1997; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that even though men are living longer today than in the past, they currently die nearly seven years younger than woman; and

WHEREAS, despite gains in increasing the overall life span of men, several important men's health issues continue as major problems today; and

WHEREAS, advances in Public Health have played a major role in increasing the overall life expectancy of men; and

WHEREAS, alliances between public and private sectors, business, and elected officials have been formed to further our efforts in promoting health and preventing disease, injury, and disability; and

WHEREAS, prevention is the single best method in ensuring a healthy life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2003 to be "MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" in Augusta, Georgia and encourage all men to take preventative steps toward disease prevention and detection.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this first day of May 2003.